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Dear WCCF Board Members, Staff and Special Friends,

Good Friday morning! I would like to share some clippings and updates:

- [The US Education Department has cut \\$350 million in grants including Title V grants.](#) As reported at yesterday's board meeting, SUNY WCC's Title V grant of \$560K for this year that pays for counselors and administration of our Viking ROADS program was eliminated last week.
- [SUNY WCC's success in piloting the CUNY ASAP model \(Viking ROADS\)](#) within the SUNY system is highlighted in this article by Arnold Ventures, the foundation that helped to fund the launch of Viking ROADS.
- This New York Times article focuses on [a concerning trend of long-term unemployment of college graduates](#). Good Rebellion is drafting a letter to the editor on how SUNY WCC's degree programs and short-term certificate programs prepare students for high-demand fields.
- [SUNY WCC's cybersecurity program](#) is highlighted in this *914 Inc.* article.
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- An [Environmental Leaders of Color advanced computer science program focused on Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) hosted at the SUNY WCC Mount Vernon Extension Center](#) is covered in this article in *Black Westchester*.
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- **Collegium**, the volunteer-run WCC program that provides a wide range of intellectually stimulating classes for retirees, [has opened its registration for the fall program](#).
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Upcoming events:

- WCC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Viking Classic Car Show**: Sunday, September 21, 9:00am-3:00pm, Valhalla campus
- [Grow & Launch Your Business!](#) Hosted by WCC's Workforce Development and

Community Education Division, Thursday, September 25, 2025 9:00am-2:00pm,  
Gateway Center, Valhalla Campus

- WCC's [Walk to End Alzheimer's](#): Sunday, October 5, 2025, 11:00am-2:00pm
- WCC **Workshop on "Paying for College & FAFSA Forms" in conjunction with LUCA** (Latino U College Access): Wednesday, October 8, 2025
- WCC **Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**: Thursday, November 20, 2025, 9:00-10:45am, Hybrid (Zoom & Foundation Board Room)

Enjoy the last weekend of summer! I will be out on Tuesday, September 23, for the Rosh Hashana holiday. Happy holidays for all who celebrate!

Best,  
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